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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October 1989 was 3.2 percent, declining 0.7 from the September 1989 rate of 4.0. In October 1988 the state's unemployment rate was 3.9. For the nation, the adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3 in October 1989 . The national rate was also 5.3 in August 1989.

The civilian labor force for North Carolina in August was estimated at 3,432,000, a monthly decline of 22,000 from the September estimate of 3,454,000. From October 1988, the civilian labor force saw an increase of 45,000 people.

Employment, seasonally adjusted for October, moved upward to 3,321,000 from 3,315,000 in September for an increase of 6,000 workers. The number employed in October 1989 was 67,000 greater than in October 1988, for an increase of about percent 2.0 percent. The number of persons unemployed declined by 28,000 in October (111,000) from (139,000) in September. From a year ago (133,000), the unemployed estimate was down by 22,000.

In October, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment reached 3,042,300, a increase of 9,900 from the prior month's estimate of 3,032.400. An over-the-month loss of 200 occurred in manufacturing and a gain of 10,100 in nonmanufacturing. In manufacturing, losses were small throughout with most industries participating. Employment gains in nonmanufacturing were most significant in the local government industry (+2.600) and service & miscellaneous(+2,800). All major sectors contributed to this rise.

From October 1988-October 1989 a total of 54,000 employees were added to industry payrolls. Manufacturing employment increased by 600, to a level of 868,500 as employment in nonmanufacturing was increasing by 53,400 to a level of 2,173,800. The manufacturing gains were across the entire sector. Gains of 1,000 workers occurred in chemicals, 1,000 in fabricated metal products and 4,100 in machinery, exc. electrical. Significant losses were experienced in furniture (2,400), electrical machinery (1,900) and tobacco (2,600).

There were 15,310 persons placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in October 1989. Of these,5,767 were placed in manufacturing industries. More than 3,500 persons founds jobs in the service industry, while 2,449 individuals were placed in the trade industry. By occupational category, 3,428 individuals were employed in packaging and material handling; 1,929 in bench work; 2,244 in services, except domestic; and 1,357 in machine trades.

Production workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industries earned $8.48 an hour in October. The average hours worked were 40.7, and average weekly earnings amounted to $345.14. There was an increase of $ .28 an hour in average hourly earnings from October 1988 . Workers in cigarette manufacturing were the highest hourly wage earners at $19.30. In nonmanufacturing, the average hourly earnings were highest among workers in pulp, paper & paperboard at $15.77.

The number of production workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industries rose by 1,500, from 684,800 in September to 686,300 in October. This increase was in spread across the entire sector. The largest over-the-month gainer was in machnery, exc. electrical (+1,000). From October of last year, manufacturing lost 1,900 production workers. This loss occurred throughout the manufacturing sector.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

October 1989

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: May 1989 through October 1989					
	Oct. 1988	May 1989	June 1989	July 1989	Aug. 1989	Sep. 1989	Oct. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,943	5,000	5,006	5,014	5,016	5,021	5,027
Civilian Labor Force	3,387	3,467	3,463	3,444	3,432	3,454	3,432
Participation Rate[1]	68.5	69.3	69.2	68.9	68.4	68.8	68.2
Employed	3,254	3,340	3,339	3,327	3,304	3,315	3,321
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	65.8	66.8	66.7	66.4	65.9	66.0	66.1
Unemployed	133	127	124	117	128	139	111
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.2
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: August 1989 through October 1989		
	Oct. 1988	Aug. 1989	Sep. 1989	Oct. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,943	5,016	5,021	5,027
Civilian Labor Force	3,402	3,484	3,445	3,446
Participation Rate[1]	68.8	69.5	68.6	68.5
Employed	3,273	3,363	3,324	3,324
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	66.2	67.0	66.2	66.1
Unemployed	129	121	121	106
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.1
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2

[1]The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.
[2]The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.
[3]The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

October 1989

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: May 1989 through October 1989					
	Oct. 1988	May 1989	June 1989	July 1989	Aug. 1989	Sep. 1989	Oct. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	185,114	186,181	186,329	186,483	186,598	186,726	186,861
Civilian Labor Force	122,091	123,610	124,102	123,956	124,018	124,040	124,105
Participation Rate[1]	66.0	66.4	66.6	66.5	66.5	66.4	66.4
Employed	115,573	117,215	117,541	117,459	117,597	117,456	117,545
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	62.4	63.0	63.1	63.0	63.0	62.9	62.9
Unemployed	6,518	6,395	6,561	6,497	6,421	6,584	6,561
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: Aug. 1989 through October 1989		
	Oct. 1988	Aug. 1989	Sep. 1989	Oct. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	185,114	186,483	186,726	186,871
Civilian Labor Force	122,432	126,238	123,828	124,416
Participation Rate[1]	66.1	67.7	66.3	66.6
Employed	116,250	119,502	117,498	118,194
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	62.8	64.1	62.9	63.2
Unemployed	6,182	6,736	6,330	6,222
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.0
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	1.6	3.3	2.0	1.8

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1988-October 1989

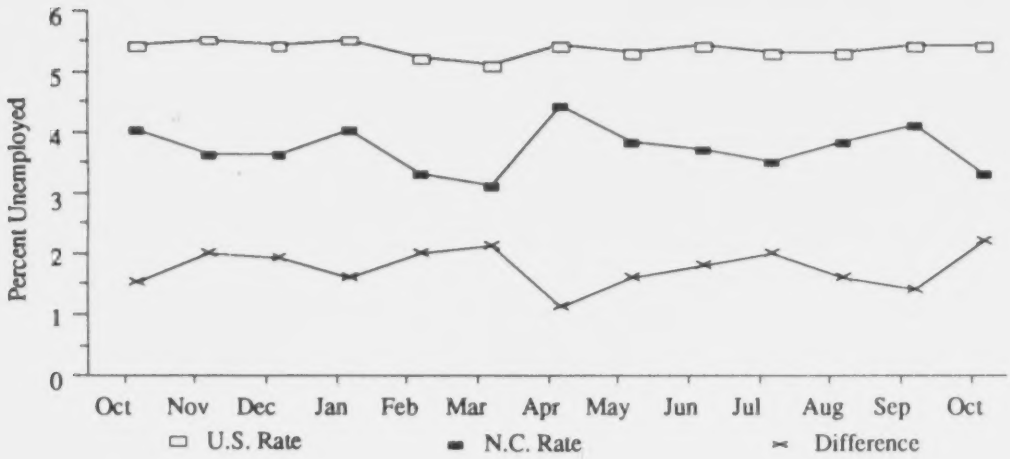

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

October 1988-October 1989

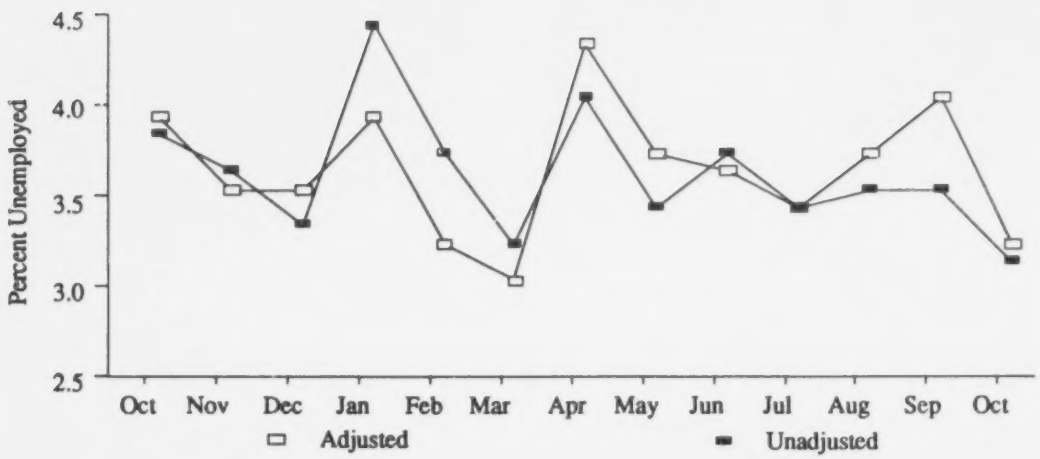

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

October 1989[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Oct. 1989	Sep.[2] 1989	Oct. 1988	Change From: Sep. 1989 Net	Sep. 1989 Percent	Oct. 1988 Net	Oct. 1988 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force [3]	3,446.2	3,445.4	3,402.2	+ 0.8	*	+ 44.0	+ 1.3
Employment, Total	3,340.6	3,324.5	3,273.4	+ 16.1	+ 0.5	+ 67.2	+ 2.1
Unemployment, Total	105.6	120.9	128.8	- 15.3	- 12.7	- 23.2	- 18.0
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.1	3.5	3.8	- 1.4	xxx	- 0.7	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,432.0	3,454.0	3,387.0	- 22.0	- 0.6	+ 45.0	+ 1.3
Employment, Total	3,321.0	3,315.0	3,254.0	+ 6.0	+ 0.2	+ 67.0	+ 2.1
Unemployment, Total	111.0	139.0	133.0	- 28.0	- 20.1	- 22.0	- 16.5
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.2	4.0	3.9	- 0.8	xxx	- 0.7	xxx
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,042.3	3,032.4	2,988.3	+ 9.9	+ 0.3	+ 54.0	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	868.5	868.7	867.9	- 0.2	0.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	355.4	355.9	354.3	- 0.5	- 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	36.0	36.0	36.6	0.0	0.0	- 0.6	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.0	12.1	12.1	- 0.1	- 0.8	- 0.1	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.2	9.0	9.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.2	- 0.1	- 1.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 2.3
Furniture & Fixtures	86.2	86.9	88.6	- 0.7	- 0.8	- 2.4	- 2.7
Household Furniture	76.2	77.0	78.9	- 0.8	- 1.0	- 2.7	- 3.4
Wood Household Furniture	38.7	39.4	40.4	- 0.7	- 1.8	- 1.7	- 4.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.1	32.1	32.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.7	- 2.1

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Industry employment compiled by the LMI Division in cooperation with USDOL, BLS.

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October 1989[1]

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(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Oct. 1989	Sep.[2] 1989	Oct. 1988	Change From: Sep. 1989 Net	Sep. 1989 Percent	Oct. 1988 Net	Oct. 1988 Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.5	21.8	21.4	- 0.3	- 1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.7
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	6.0	6.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Primary Metal Products	13.0	12.9	12.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.8
Fabricated Metal Products	31.4	31.3	30.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.0	+ 3.3
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	9.8	9.7	9.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	63.8	63.8	59.7	0.0	0.0	+ 4.1	+ 6.9
Special Industry Machinery	7.7	7.8	7.9	- 0.1	- 1.3	- 0.2	- 2.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	57.2	57.2	59.1	0.0	0.0	- 1.9	- 3.2
Household Appliances	5.9	6.0	5.7	- 0.1	- 1.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Transportation Equipment	27.6	27.6	27.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods[4]	18.7	18.4	18.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Nondurable Goods	513.1	512.8	513.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	52.2	51.9	51.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Meat Products	24.7	24.5	23.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.8	+ 0.8	+ 3.3
Meat Packing Products	2.8	2.7	2.4	+ 0.1	+ 3.7	+ 0.4	+ 16.7
Dairy Products	2.9	2.8	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 3.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.6
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.7
Bakery Products	8.6	8.6	8.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Beverages	6.6	6.6	6.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.8	21.7	24.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	- 2.6	- 10.7
Cigarettes	15.6	15.6	18.7	0.0	0.0	- 3.1	- 16.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.1	5.0	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.0	+ 0.2	+ 4.1
Textile Mill Products	220.7	220.6	220.9	+ 0.1	*	- 0.2	- 0.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	53.5	53.6	54.2	- 0.1	- 0.2	- 0.7	- 1.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.2	24.1	25.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 0.9	- 3.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.0	28.2	27.9	- 0.2	- 0.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4

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Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
				Sep. 1989		Oct. 1988	
	Oct. 1989	Sep.[2] 1989	Oct. 1988	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Knitting Mills	85.8	84.3	83.0	+ 1.5	+ 1.8	+ 2.8	+ 3.4
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	23.9	23.7	23.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
Hosiery, NEC	23.1	23.0	22.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.6	16.6	15.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.1	+ 7.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.8	5.8	6.2	0.0	0.0	- 0.4	- 6.5
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	16.2	16.2	15.5	0.0	0.0	+ 0.7	+ 4.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.9	50.0	52.8	- 0.1	- 0.2	- 2.9	- 5.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	86.5	86.4	85.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.9
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats & Furnishings	30.8	30.8	30.2	0.0	0.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	33.9	34.1	35.2	- 0.2	- 0.6	- 1.3	- 3.7
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	21.6	21.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.8	9.9	9.9	- 0.1	- 1.0	- 0.1	- 1.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.2	8.1	7.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Printing & Publishing	29.6	30.1	29.7	- 0.5	- 1.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Newspapers	10.8	10.8	10.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	42.5	42.1	41.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.0	+ 2.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.6	13.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
Rubber & Misccellaneous Plastics Products	33.7	34.1	33.7	- 0.4	- 1.2	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods[5]	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	2,173.8	2,163.7	2,120.4	+ 10.1	+ 0.5	+ 53.4	+ 2.5
Mining	5.0	4.9	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
Construction	160.3	159.7	165.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	- 5.4	- 3.3
Transportation	151.1	150.7	147.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.2	+ 2.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	91.0	90.9	86.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 4.3	+ 5.0
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.5	56.2	57.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	- 1.0	- 1.7

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Classification	Total Employment Oct. 1989	Sep.[2] 1989	Oct. 1988	Change From: Sep. 1989 Net	Sep. 1989 Percent	Oct. 1988 Net	Oct. 1988 Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	699.4	697.7	684.1	+ 1.7	+ 0.2	+ 15.3	+ 2.2
Wholesale Trade	164.6	165.0	160.6	- 0.4	- 0.2	+ 4.0	+ 2.5
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	99.1	99.0	97.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	65.5	66.0	62.8	- 0.5	- 0.8	+ 2.7	+ 4.3
Retail Trade	534.8	532.7	523.5	+ 2.1	+ 0.4	+ 11.3	+ 2.2
General Merchandise Stores	78.8	79.2	73.4	- 0.4	- 0.5	+ 5.4	+ 7.4
Food Stores	89.1	88.3	86.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.9	+ 2.4	+ 2.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	133.4	133.2	131.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.1	+ 1.6
Service & Miscellaneous[4]	556.3	553.5	531.4	+ 2.8	+ 0.5	+ 24.9	+ 4.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.6	26.7	28.0	+ 0.9	+ 3.4	- 0.4	- 1.4
Personal Services	32.8	32.8	31.9	0.0	0.0	+ 0.9	+ 2.8
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.1	14.2	13.9	- 0.1	- 0.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Total Government	468.3	464.0	455.1	+ 4.3	+ 0.9	+ 13.2	+ 2.9
Federal	54.7	54.6	53.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
State	134.5	132.9	131.6	+ 1.6	+ 1.2	+ 2.9	+ 2.2
Education	68.9	68.9	68.8	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other	65.6	64.0	62.8	+ 1.6	+ 2.5	+ 2.8	+ 4.5
Local	279.1	276.5	269.7	+ 2.6	+ 0.9	+ 9.4	+ 3.5
Education	143.0	141.6	140.5	+ 1.4	+ 1.0	+ 2.5	+ 1.8
Other	136.1	134.9	129.2	+ 1.2	+ 0.9	+ 6.9	+ 5.3
All Other Nonag. Employment[7]	260.8	258.7	270.3	+ 2.1	+ 0.8	- 9.5	- 3.5
Agriculture	47.1	49.5	47.0	- 2.4	- 4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

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Figure 3

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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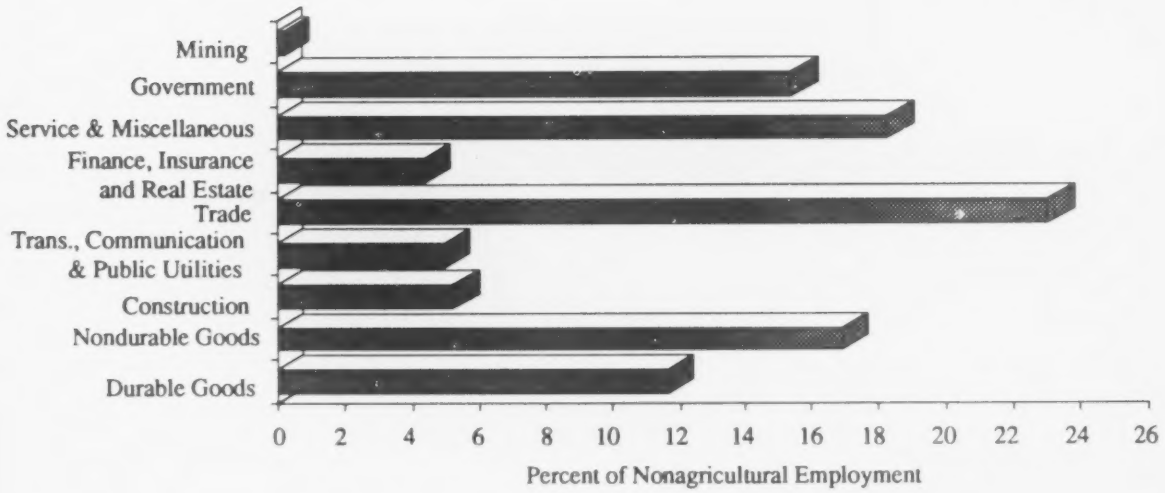

Figure 4

Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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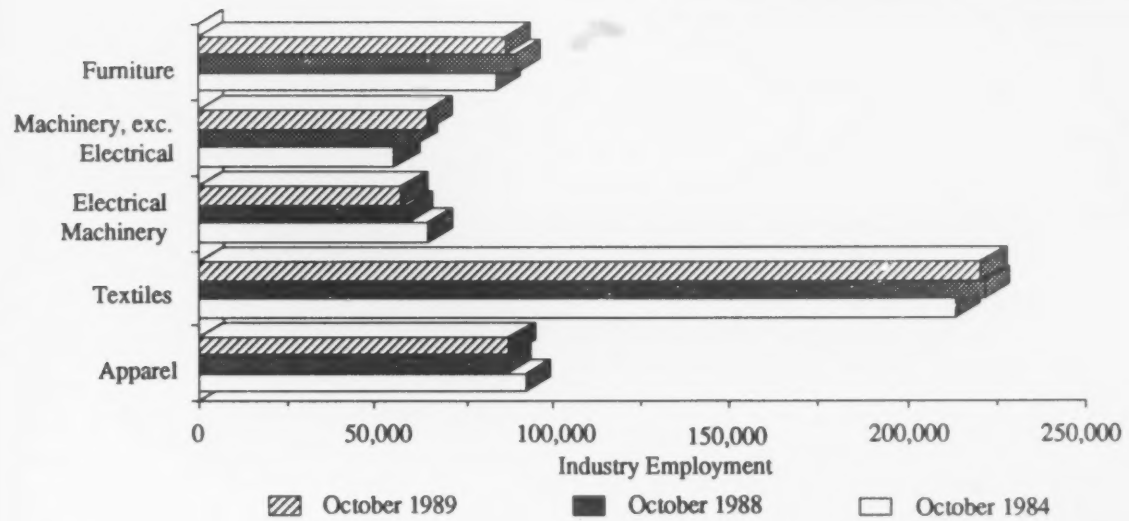

Table 4

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions October 1989[1]

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed[2]	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs[2, 3]	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	15,310	14,441	996	9	1,269
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	530	528	0	3	7
Clerical Occupations	1,944	1,924	8	1	43
Sales Occupations	493	441	0	0	6
Domestic Service Occupations	121	89	6	0	0
Other Service Occupations	2,244	2,011	2	0	22
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	1,763	1,110	866	0	37
Processing Occupations	1,028	1,017	27	3	2
Machine Trade Occupations	1,357	1,354	0	0	23
Benchwork Occupations	1,929	1,926	8	0	6
Structural Work Occupations	1,604	1,558	4	1	1,053
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	396	391	1	0	48
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	3,428	3,257	75	2	30
Miscellaneous Occupations	70	70	0	1	5

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions October 1989[1]

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
5,767	773	2,449	170	3,543	526	972
77	18	83	9	225	116	224
218	115	834	109	449	198	354
40	8	338	8	43	0	1
0	1	0	0	80	2	3
110	10	643	25	1,107	126	203
40	1	21	7	134	12	95
901	0	47	0	37	2	3
1,197	6	51	0	82	3	6
1,699	2	20	0	207	1	5
254	16	57	11	166	32	41
39	124	102	0	71	20	24
1,421	483	287	2	1,006	8	10
24	1	3	0	28	8	8

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Figure 5

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1988-October 1989

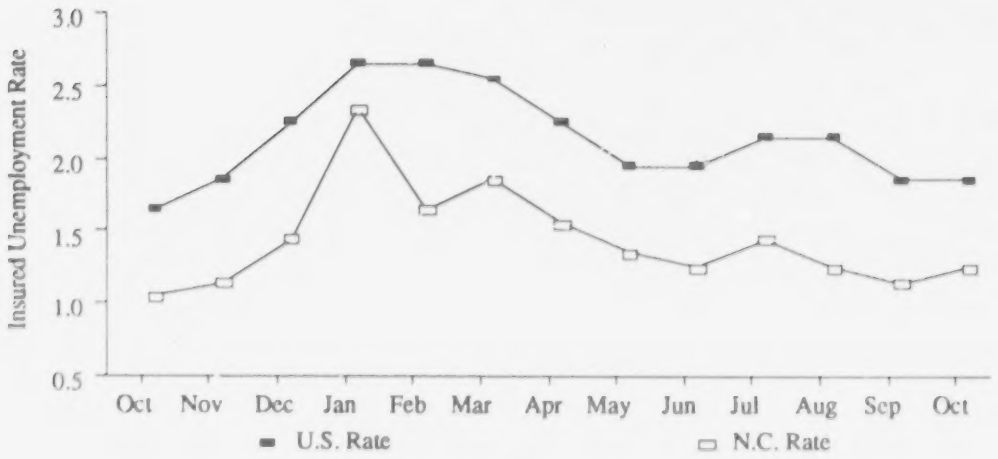

Figure 6

Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

October 1989

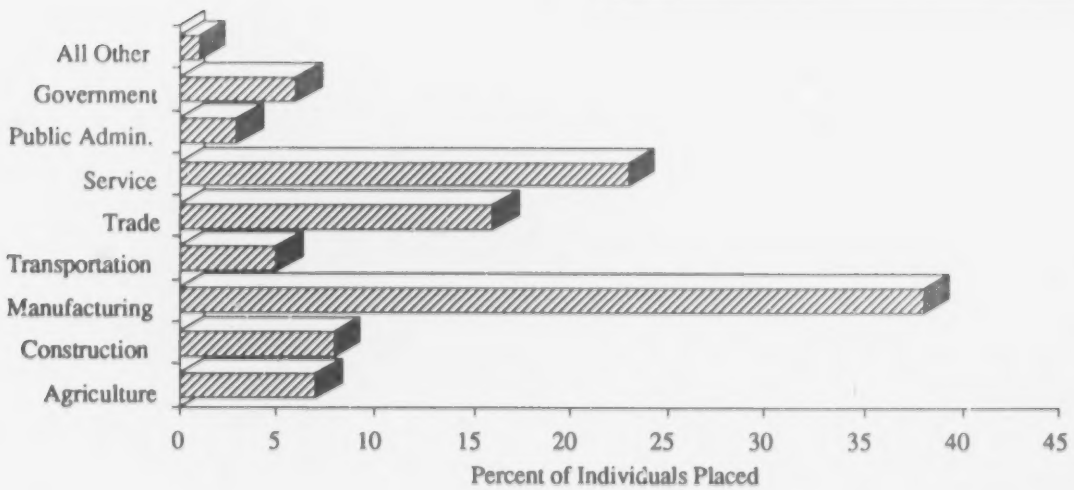

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1989[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Oct. 1989	Sep.[2] 1989	Oct. 1988	Percent Change From: Sep. 1989	Oct. 1988
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,073.9	3,050.7	3,021.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	872.4	871.8	872.6	+ 0.1	*
Durable Goods	355.5	355.8	354.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	36.0	36.0	36.5	0.0	- 1.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.0	12.1	12.1	- 0.8	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.2	9.1	9.3	+ 1.1	- 1.1
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	- 2.2
Furniture & Fixtures	86.4	86.6	88.9	- 0.2	- 2.8
Household Furniture	76.4	76.7	79.1	- 0.4	- 3.4
Wood Household Furniture	38.7	39.4	40.4	- 1.8	- 4.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.1	32.0	32.8	+ 0.3	- 2.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	21.6	21.8	21.4	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.8	+ 3.8	- 3.6
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	6.0	6.0	5.9	0.0	+ 1.7
Primary Metal Industries	12.9	12.9	12.4	0.0	+ 4.0
Fabricated Metal Industries	31.4	31.3	30.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	9.9	9.8	9.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Machinery, except Electrical	63.9	63.7	59.8	+ 0.3	+ 6.9
Special Industry Machinery	7.7	7.8	7.9	- 1.3	- 2.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	57.3	57.6	59.2	- 0.5	- 3.2
Household Appliances	6.4	6.4	6.2	0.0	+ 3.2
Transportation Equipment	27.3	27.3	27.4	0.0	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods[3]	18.7	18.6	18.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Nondurable Goods	516.9	516.0	518.1	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	52.8	52.7	52.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Meat Products	24.8	24.5	24.0	+ 1.2	+ 3.3
Meat Packing Plants	2.8	2.7	2.4	+ 3.7	+ 16.7
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	- 3.7
Bakery Products	8.6	8.7	8.3	- 1.1	+ 3.6
Beverages	6.6	6.6	6.7	0.0	- 1.5

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[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
[4]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
[5]This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.
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Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1989[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Oct. 1989	Sep.[2] 1989	Oct. 1988	Percent Change From: Sep. 1989	Oct. 1988
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.3	24.0	27.1	+ 1.3	- 10.3
Cigarettes	15.4	15.6	18.5	- 1.3	- 16.8
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	8.5	8.0	8.2	+ 6.3	+ 3.7
Textile Mill Products	220.9	220.8	221.1	*	- 0.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	53.4	53.5	54.2	- 0.2	- 1.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.2	24.1	25.1	+ 0.4	- 3.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.9	28.1	27.9	- 0.7	0.0
Knitting Mills	85.5	85.2	82.8	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	23.7	23.6	23.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
Hosiery, NEC	23.2	23.1	22.6	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.6	16.7	15.5	- 0.6	+ 7.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.8	5.8	6.2	0.0	- 6.5
Textile Finishing, except Wool	16.4	16.3	15.7	+ 0.6	+ 4.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.1	50.2	53.0	- 0.2	- 5.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.2	86.8	86.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.2	34.2	35.5	0.0	- 3.7
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	30.9	30.8	30.3	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Paper & Allied Products	21.7	21.6	21.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.7	9.8	9.8	- 1.0	- 1.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.3	8.2	8.0	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Printing & Publishing	29.5	29.6	29.6	- 0.3	- 0.3
Newspapers	10.8	10.8	10.8	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	42.4	42.2	41.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.5	13.5	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.7	33.9	33.7	- 0.6	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods[4]	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	- 2.5

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Table I
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Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1989[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Oct. 1989	Sep.[2] 1989	Oct. 1988	Percent Change From: Sep. 1989	Oct. 1988
Nonmanufacturing	2,201.5	2,178.9	2,148.8	+ 1.0	+ 2.5
Mining	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.0	+ 2.0
Construction	163.7	163.1	169.2	+ 0.4	- 3.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	153.1	152.1	149.8	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Transportation, except Railroad	93.1	92.1	88.6	+ 1.1	+ 5.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.3	56.3	57.5	0.0	- 2.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	706.0	701.1	690.6	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Wholesale Trade	168.0	167.3	163.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	99.2	99.0	97.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	68.8	68.3	66.0	+ 0.7	+ 4.2
Retail Trade	538.0	533.8	526.7	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
General Merchandise Stores	78.4	77.3	72.9	+ 1.4	+ 7.5
Food Stores	88.8	87.6	86.4	+ 1.4	+ 2.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	133.4	133.9	131.4	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Service & Miscellaneous[5]	551.9	556.8	537.0	+ 0.9	+ 4.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28.2	28.1	28.6	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Personal Services	32.6	32.4	31.7	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.2	14.2	14.0	0.0	+ 1.4
Health Services	142.2	141.5	134.3	+ 0.5	+ 5.9
Hospitals	59.7	59.1	54.6	+ 1.0	+ 9.3
Legal Services	13.3	13.4	13.4	- 0.7	- 0.7
Education Services	35.0	31.7	35.4	+10.4	- 1.1
Total Government	478.4	466.9	465.9	+ 2.5	+ 2.7
Federal	54.8	54.8	53.9	0.0	+ 1.7
State	138.5	131.5	136.4	+ 5.3	+ 1.5
Education	73.9	67.2	73.8	+10.0	+ 0.1
Other	64.6	64.3	62.6	- 0.5	+ 3.2
Local	285.1	280.6	275.6	+ 1.6	+ 3.4
Education	149.3	146.1	146.7	+ 2.2	+ 1.8
Other	135.8	134.5	128.9	+ 1.0	+ 5.4

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

October 1989[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1989	Sep.[3] 1989	Oct.[3] 1988	Oct. 1989	Sep.[3] 1989	Oct.[3] 1988	Oct. 1989	Sep.[3] 1989	Oct.[3] 1988
Manufacturing	$345.14	$343.07	$334.56	40.7	40.6	40.8	$8.48	$8.45	$8.20
Durable Goods	361.15	361.15	351.02	40.9	40.9	41.2	8.83	8.83	8.52
Lumber & Wood Products	312.98	315.75	298.98	40.7	40.9	40.9	7.69	7.72	7.31
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	316.47	328.50	300.76	41.1	41.9	41.2	7.70	7.84	7.30
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	330.26	309.52	326.51	39.6	37.7	41.4	8.34	8.21	7.89
Furniture & Fixtures	308.89	303.74	300.99	39.1	38.4	39.5	7.90	7.91	7.62
Household Furniture	308.50	302.59	300.20	39.1	38.4	39.5	7.89	7.88	7.60
Wood Household Furniture	297.14	293.49	287.52	40.1	39.5	40.1	7.41	7.43	7.17
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	395.08	395.08	382.13	41.5	41.5	41.9	9.52	9.52	9.12
Structural Clay Products	338.25	329.66	314.88	41.0	40.4	41.0	8.25	8.16	7.68
Primary Metal Industries	418.42	428.98	409.17	41.8	42.6	42.8	10.01	10.07	9.56
Fabricated Metal Industries	398.24	390.45	391.85	41.7	41.1	42.5	9.55	9.50	9.22
Machinery, exc. Electrical	412.27	415.77	396.95	42.9	43.4	43.1	9.61	9.58	9.21
Special Industry Machinery	395.93	403.42	387.15	42.3	42.6	43.5	9.36	9.47	8.90
Electrical Machinery	378.81	389.08	383.88	41.4	42.2	41.5	9.15	9.22	9.25
Household Appliances	309.12	312.75	319.47	44.8	45.0	46.3	6.90	6.95	6.90
Transportation Equipment	413.40	415.90	396.83	41.8	42.7	42.9	9.89	9.74	9.25
Nondurable Goods	333.78	332.91	324.00	40.7	40.5	40.5	8.25	8.22	8.00
Food & Kindred Products	312.36	315.12	289.60	41.1	41.3	40.0	7.60	7.63	7.24
Meat Products	272.14	274.18	243.04	40.8	40.8	38.7	6.67	6.72	6.28
Meat Packing Products	360.96	406.69	362.05	46.1	49.9	45.2	7.83	8.15	8.01

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Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

October 1989[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1989	Sep.[3] 1989	Oct.[3] 1988	Oct. 1989	Sep.[3] 1989	Oct.[3] 1988	Oct. 1989	Sep.[3] 1989	Oct.[3] 1988
Dairy Products	335.62	331.91	306.08	43.7	43.5	41.7	7.68	7.63	7.34
Grain Mill Products	349.68	350.53	351.74	42.8	42.8	44.3	8.17	8.19	7.94
Bakery Products	326.80	336.98	344.49	40.0	41.5	42.9	8.17	8.12	8.03
Beverages	523.01	519.56	491.49	38.4	38.6	38.1	13.62	13.46	12.90
Tobacco Manufacturers	572.12	544.57	541.38	41.7	40.7	42.0	13.72	13.38	12.89
Cigarettes	777.79	710.27	693.33	40.3	37.7	40.1	19.30	18.84	17.29
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	277.01	285.74	256.94	43.9	45.5	45.8	6.31	6.28	5.61
Textile Mill Products	309.07	307.57	293.04	41.1	40.9	40.7	7.52	7.52	7.20
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	348.98	340.31	325.44	42.3	41.2	41.3	8.25	8.26	7.88
Weaving Mills, Cotton	350.17	333.74	310.84	42.6	40.8	39.8	8.22	8.18	7.81
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	346.92	344.87	339.04	42.0	41.5	42.7	8.26	8.31	7.94
Knitting Mills	279.00	280.40	267.30	39.8	40.0	39.6	7.01	7.01	6.75
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	261.85	259.75	241.81	40.1	39.9	38.2	6.53	6.51	6.33
Hosiery, NEC	268.13	269.70	254.80	39.2	39.2	39.2	6.84	6.88	6.50
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	305.52	309.67	312.90	40.2	40.8	42.0	7.60	7.59	7.45
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	338.48	330.58	336.05	42.9	42.6	43.7	7.89	7.76	7.69
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	327.12	328.32	315.42	42.1	42.2	42.0	7.77	7.78	7.51
Yarn & Thread Mills	307.01	305.86	290.39	41.6	41.5	40.9	7.38	7.37	7.10
Apparel & Other Textile Products	221.54	220.17	215.84	38.0	37.7	38.0	5.83	5.84	5.68
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	201.48	199.84	199.23	36.7	36.4	37.1	5.49	5.49	5.37
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	220.37	220.15	210.86	37.1	37.0	36.8	5.94	5.95	5.73

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Table II

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Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

October 1989[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1989	Sep.[3] 1989	Oct.[3] 1988	Oct. 1989	Sep.[3] 1989	Oct.[3] 1988	Oct. 1989	Sep.[3] 1989	Oct.[3] 1988
Paper & Allied Products	544.64	546.16	511.56	44.9	45.1	43.5	12.13	12.11	11.76
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	755.38	746.84	689.52	47.9	47.6	44.2	15.77	15.69	15.60
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	403.94	415.66	407.48	42.7	43.8	44.1	9.46	9.49	9.24
Printing & Publishing	385.92	379.71	372.29	38.4	38.2	38.7	10.05	9.94	9.62
Newspapers	301.49	304.38	294.36	32.7	32.8	33.0	9.22	9.28	8.92
Chemicals & Allied Products	480.63	480.44	490.62	43.3	43.4	44.2	11.10	11.07	11.10
Plastics & Synthetics	523.20	521.02	593.87	43.6	43.6	48.4	12.00	11.95	12.27
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	404.59	395.79	419.57	39.9	39.5	41.5	10.14	10.02	10.11
Mining	468.99	478.73	463.76	48.2	49.0	49.6	9.73	9.77	9.35
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	569.16	557.61	536.68	44.5	43.7	42.9	12.79	12.76	12.51
Wholesale & Retail Trade	218.99	218.99	212.45	31.6	31.6	31.9	6.93	6.93	6.66
Wholesale Trade	355.54	355.15	337.43	39.2	39.2	39.1	9.07	9.06	8.63
Retail Trade	179.93	180.84	177.61	29.4	29.5	29.9	6.12	6.13	5.94
General Merchandise Stores	173.75	167.75	164.13	27.8	27.5	27.4	6.25	6.10	5.99
Food Stores	184.80	186.88	183.62	30.0	29.9	30.4	6.16	6.25	6.04
Services, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	160.88	152.70	152.39	31.3	30.0	30.6	5.14	5.09	4.98
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	226.49	217.85	210.14	35.5	34.8	35.2	6.38	6.26	5.97

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Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

October 1989

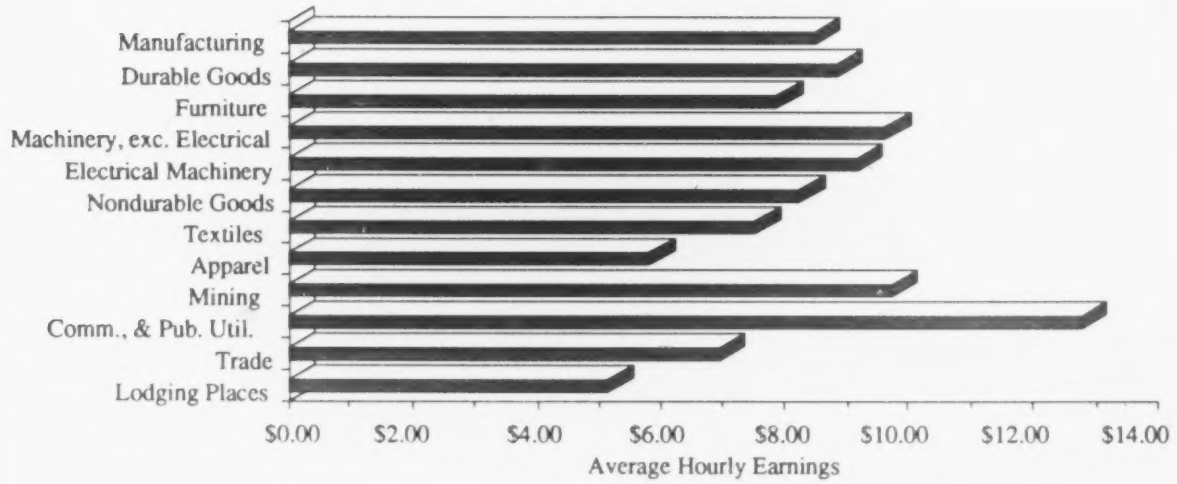

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

October 1989

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

October 1989[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Oct. 1989	Sep.[2] 1989	Oct. 1988	Sep. 1989	Oct. 1988
Manufacturing	686.3	684.8	688.2	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Durable Goods	265.1	264.3	265.6	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	30.3	30.3	30.5	0.0	- 0.7
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	7.7	7.6	7.8	+ 1.3	- 1.3
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	+ 2.8
Furniture & Fixtures	75.1	75.4	77.5	- 0.4	- 3.1
Household Furniture	66.9	67.3	69.4	- 0.6	- 3.6
Wood Household Furniture	35.1	35.8	36.6	- 2.0	- 4.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	17.2	17.3	17.1	- 0.6	+ 0.6
Structural Clay Products	2.1	2.0	2.2	+ 5.0	- 4.5
Primary Metal Industries	9.8	9.7	9.4	+ 1.0	+ 4.3
Fabricated Metal Industries	22.8	22.8	22.6	0.0	+ 0.9
Machinery, except Electrical	33.1	32.1	30.0	+ 3.1	+ 10.3
Special Industry Machinery	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	- 1.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	41.0	41.2	42.4	- 0.5	- 3.3
Household Appliances	5.7	5.7	5.5	0.0	+ 3.6
Transportation Equipment	21.8	21.7	22.3	+ 0.5	- 2.2
Other Durable Goods[3]	14.0	13.8	13.8	+ 1.4	+ 1.4
Nondurable Goods	421.2	420.5	422.6	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	38.0	37.9	37.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Meat Products	21.6	21.4	221.2	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
Meat Packing Plants	2.2	2.0	1.7	+10.0	+ 29.4
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	- 6.3
Grain Mill Products	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.0	- 5.3
Bakery Products	5.0	5.0	4.7	0.0	+ 6.4

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

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Table III

(Continued)

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

October 1989[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Oct. 1989	Sep.[2] 1989	Oct. 1988	Sep. 1989	Oct. 1988
Beverages	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.9	18.5	21.1	+ 2.2	- 10.4
Cigarettes	11.0	11.1	13.6	- 0.9	- 19.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	7.5	7.0	7.1	+ 7.1	+ 5.6
Textile Mill Products	194.9	194.7	195.6	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	47.6	47.7	48.4	- 0.2	- 1.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	21.5	21.3	22.3	+ 0.9	- 3.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	25.1	25.3	25.1	- 0.8	0.0
Knitting Mills	75.4	75.3	73.7	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	21.0	20.9	20.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Hosiery, NEC	21.1	21.0	20.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.6	14.6	13.5	0.0	+ 8.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	4.7	4.8	5.4	- 2.1	- 13.0
Textile Finishing, except Wool	13.9	13.8	13.2	+ 0.7	+ 5.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	45.4	45.4	47.8	0.0	- 5.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	75.7	75.5	75.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	26.9	26.9	26.2	0.0	+ 2.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	29.5	29.5	30.9	0.0	- 4.5
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.7	16.3	0.0	+ 2.5
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.1	7.2	6.9	- 1.4	+ 2.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.4	6.3	6.2	+ 1.6	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing	18.1	18.2	18.3	- 0.5	- 1.1
Newspapers	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.8	27.7	27.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	10.0	9.9	9.7	+ 1.0	+ 3.1
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	27.3	27.5	27.5	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Other Nondurable Goods[3]	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

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